IN THE SPECIFICATION

Please add the following paragraph before the first paragraph beginning at page 1, line 1:

CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

This application claims the benefit of U.S. provisional application serial no. 60/537,798 filed January 20, 2004, which the entire subject matter is incorporated herein by reference.

Please amend Page 4, paragraph beginning on line 5 as follows:

Typically, a user's collection 180 will reflect the user's general tastes, but the sources 110 will not. Optionally, a pre-selector, hereinafter termed a recommender 130, may be provided to preselect material from the sources 110 based on the user's general tastes 135, to provide a smaller subset 140 of the material from the sources 110 for the selector 150 to choose from. Copending US patent application _____, "HIERARCHICAL PLAYLIST GENERATOR", filed _____, Attorney Docket No. US040043US2 for Fabio Vignoli and Steffen Pauws, and incorporated by reference herein, discloses the advantages in coherency that can be achieved via a hierarchical structuring of selectors based on time-invariant preferences, such as general tastes, and time or event dependent preferences, such as the user's mood, or intended ambiance. If such a recommender 130 is used to pre-filter the available material from the sources 110 based on the user's tastes 135, the user preferences 145 need not include these general tastes, and can be configured to merely reflect the user's preferences for the particular playlist 170. As

noted above with regard to the mixer 160, the optional recommender 130 is illustrated as a separate entity from the selector 150 for ease of understanding, although one of ordinary skill in the art will recognize that the recommender 130 and selector 150 may be included in a common selector module.

Please amend Page 5, paragraph beginning on line 19 as follows:

Optionally, the playlist generator 100 includes a "buy" module 155 that facilitates the purchase of the new material that is included in the playlist 170. In one embodiment of this invention, when new material is being rendered, and for a brief period thereafter, a "buy button" is enabled on the user's system. Copending U.S. patent application, "METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR PURCHASING CONTENT RELATED MATERIAL", serial number ————— 09/498,261, filed ————— February 3, 2000 for —————, Attorney Docket ————— US000036 (Disclosure 700798), discloses a system and method that facilitates the purchase of material related to rendered content material, and is incorporated by reference herein. If the user desires to purchase the selection for addition to the user's collection 180, the user activates the buy button, and the system communicates the appropriate purchase information, such as the user's credit card number, e-mail address, and so on, to the vendor of the identified material. In response, the vendor either sends another copy of the material with appropriate access and copy permissions to the user,

or sends a key to unlock the protection mechanisms on the

downloaded free copy of the material.

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